

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
HELD
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary D. Burns, M.D.
Donald E. Cole
W. Gregory Haynes
Justin Neal
Deirdre O'Brien
Susan Radovich
Sandra A. Morris
William McDonald, M.D.
Frank E. Shelp, Commissioner

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Terry Langley

Mary Burns, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

A Motion was made by Justin Neal and seconded by Susan Radovich to approve the Minutes of July 19, 2010. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD RESOLUTION FOR THE OCTOBER BOND SALE OF THE FY2010 and FY2011 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Donald Cole presented the Resolution to the Board. The Resolution authorizes the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commissioner (GSFIC) to issue State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$18,100,000 to fund various major repair and renovation projects for state hospital campuses. This Resolution supersedes the previous DBHDD Board resolution dated March 31, 2010.

APPROVAL OF BOARD RESOLUTION

Donald Cole made a Motion that effective September 20, 2010, the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to take such action, including the execution of any necessary documents, for and on behalf of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to approve the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$18,100,000 by the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for the projects as indicated. Motion was seconded by Justin Neal and was unanimously approved.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Dr. Burns reported that the Physician Credentials Committee did not meet and no report is submitted.

DD ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROGRESS UPDATE

Karen Lynn and Annette Bowling gave the report. Ms. Lynn noted when Commissioner Shelp and Chair Burns met with her several months ago, Dr. Shelp challenged her at that meeting to "create, implement and represent change". In the last six months of work, the following topics have been addressed:

- Supports Intensity Scale
- Issuance of Prior Authorizations
- Level of Care
- Support Coordination
- Policy Review and Implementation

Ms. Lynn noted that as part of the research, the Advisory Group has conducted over the past months ways to identify how errors in the ISP and budgeting process could be reduced. It has become apparent that due to the November 1, 2008 implementation of the NOW and COMP waivers, some of the systems and processes relating to the financial component of these waivers needs revision. She also noted that another area of primary consideration is the process of the issuance of Prior Authorizations (PAs), the document required for billing Medicaid. The Advisory Group has identified that the adjustment of PA issuance to coincide with the birthday calendar year versus the fiscal year process currently in place would have significant positive impact on the DD community as a whole.

Deirdre O'Brien noted that the Delmarva Foundation has been strongly supported by the Department's DD Director, Beverly Rollins.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Shelp began his report of the FY2011 budget by noting that we are in a challenging and budgetary environment. He noted that the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget has instructed most state agencies to propose budget cuts in the amount of 4%, 6% and 8% for Amended FY2011 and 6%, 8% & 10% for FY2012. Because the Department of Behavioral Health is subject to DOJ settlements and ongoing federal scrutiny, the Department has been exempt from these cuts to date.

Some FY2010 highlights included:

- Filled 103 additional patient care positions
- Invested 155,000 staff hours to train hospital staff to improve level of care and safety;
- The last C&A MH inpatient unit has closed

- Transitioned 224 developmental disabilities consumers from the hospitals to community settings;
- Regions have been aligned around the state hospitals
- The Department has entered mutually beneficial partnerships with Mercer/Memorial, medical College of Georgia and Morehouse

Commissioner Shelp reported in FY2010 there was a decline in monthly readmission rates and a decline in 90-day readmission by 15%. This was not due to any extra funding but staff change in morale and culture.

He also reported that new services are being provided by River Edge Behavioral Health Services in September. ACT serving Baldwin and surrounding counties with a capacity of 100MH consumers, Urgent care has walk-in services provided adjacent to the Oconee Regional Medical Center Emergency department in Milledgeville and 12 CSP beds added in Bibb County. A Request for Procurement will be released in September for an ACT team in Augusta.

The FY2011 base budget by fund source totaled \$1,020,020.902. This amount includes 58% community, 37% hospital and 5% administration. The Community developmental disabilities services – Olmstead related totaled \$108.2m which is matched for Medicaid Waiver Services. The Addictive Diseases funding is largely federally funded and is managed by Cassandra Price, Addictive Disease Director.

Commissioner Shelp also noted that in the Hospital Summary, DBHDD operates seven hospitals but really we should see it as 20. This includes 7 hospitals across the state, 6 adult hospitals, 7 forensic, 6 developmental disabilities and one nursing home. These 20 hospitals share 7 campuses around the state.

In the Developmental Disability Community Initiatives we expect 150 new waivers for DD consumers in the hospital system and an additional 100 waivers to present hospital admission are needed for FY2011A. This also will be needed for FY2012. Family supports will be extended to 400 consumers in FY2011A.

The Mental Health Community Initiatives will serve 9,000 people with SPMI and will have 16 ACT teams in FY11 and 4 additional teams in FY12; housing subsidies will assist 255 consumers without access to other housing benefits in FY2011A and 697 in FY2012. Crisis stabilization units have become more effective in reducing hospital bed use and will be expanded.

Chair Burns thanked Commissioner Shelp and Dr. McDonald on a great job of working with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget to provide the Department with a workable budget.

Motion to Approve FY2011 Amended and FY2012 Budget was made by Justin Neal and seconded by Donald Cole. Budget was unanimously approved.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Nobbie spoke concerning waiver support; Paul Bolster thanked the Department for supporting supportive housing, Pierluigi Mancini reminded the board that September was addiction recovery month and Rick Berryhill spoke on personal care homes issues with his brother.

Motion to adjourn was made by Deirdre O'Brien and seconded by Susan Radovich. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities is scheduled for November 22, 2010.


Deirdre O'Brien, Secretary
Mary D. Burns, Chair